

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 30, 2004 has been carefully studied. The following paragraphs correspond to the paragraphs of the Office Action:

Priority

The specification is now amended by including the details of Applicants' parent application, as set forth in the application data sheet filed with the instant application, and further modified by incorporating the patent number and issue date of the parent application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112

With respect to the rejection of claims 12, 21-27, 29-32 and 34, it is seen that these claims are amended so as to incorporate the Examiner's suggestions. It is to be noted, moreover, that the amendments are provided to correct clerical and/or stylistic "errors". It is Applicants' intention that none of the claims are amended so as to narrow the scope of the claim.

Claim Objections

The Examiner is complimented on the meticulous review of the claims which has uncovered spelling and punctuation errors which are now corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Allowable Subject Matter

Inasmuch as the claims are now amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, it appears that all the claims are now allowable.


Referring now to page 6, penultimate paragraph of the Office Action, the Examiner is thanked for the telephone call of November 24, 2004. During that telephone call, Counsel indicated that it would be necessary to contact the inventor prior to placing the case in condition for allowance -- in the event it was decided that there was justification to provide additional claims based on the present application. Inasmuch as the present amendment places the present

application in condition for allowance, Applicants may choose to file a continuing application rather than delay the issuance of the present application.

In any case, in view of the allowability of the present application, a early notice thereof would be sincerely appreciated. If, however, there are any remaining issues which can be expeditiously resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone Counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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